

## Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Christian Church

*A Parish of the Diocese of New England of the Orthodox Church in America*

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## Sunday, February 11, 2018

*The 36<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 3*

- Sunday of the Last Judgment
  - “Meat-Fare” Sunday
- Commemoration of the Hieromartyr Blaise

### ***Schedule of Services***

- 2/10 Saturday**  
***Pre-Lenten Memorial Saturday***  
 5:30 PM – General Memorial for all the Departed Faithful  
 6:00 PM – Vigil, followed by Choir Rehearsal
- 2/11 Sunday**  
***Sunday of the Last Judgment***  
***Meat-fare Sunday***  
 9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
- 2/14 Wednesday**  
 8:00 AM – Matins (Morning Prayers)
- 2/17 Saturday**  
 6:00 PM – Vigil, followed by Choir Rehearsal
- 2/18 Sunday**  
***Forgiveness Sunday***  
***Cheese-fare Sunday***  
 9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy  
 11:45 AM – Forgiveness Sunday Vespers, with Rite of Forgiveness to begin Great Lent
- 2/19 Monday—*First Day of Great Lent***  
 7:00 PM – Compline with the Reading of the Canon of St. Andrew of Crete
- 2/20 Tuesday—*Second Day of Great Lent***  
 7:00 PM – Compline with the Reading of the Canon of St. Andrew of Crete
- 2/21 Wednesday—*Third Day of Great Lent***  
 6:15 PM – Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, followed by a Lenten “Bring-and-Share” Supper
- 2/22 Thursday—*Fourth Day of Great Lent***  
 7:00 PM – Compline with the Reading of the Canon of St. Andrew of Crete
- 2/24 Saturday**  
 6:00 PM – Vigil, followed by Choir Rehearsal
- 2/25 Sunday—*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Great Lent***  
***Sunday of Orthodoxy***  
 9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy  
 4:00 PM – Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers  
 Hosted by St. Dimitrie Church, Easton, CT

### **Lenten Mission Vespers** **Sunday, March 4, 4:00 PM**

#### **We are the hosts!**

On Sunday, March 4, our parish is taking its turn to host one of the Lenten Mission Services in the Connecticut Deanery. Clergy and Faithful from other Orthodox parishes in our area will be joining us that afternoon beginning at 4:00 PM for Vespers in the Church, followed by Christian fellowship at a Lenten “Soup, Bread and Desserts” Reception in our Church Basement Social Hall. There is a sign-up list posted in the Social Hall now, asking for contributions to that event. We are also looking for a volunteer (or, maybe a pair of volunteers) to work together to coordinate that Reception (Set-up, Clean-up, etc.). Thank you, in advance, for your help with and participation in this event.

# PARISH PRAYER LIST

**Please pray for all victims of disaster, difficulty and senseless violence throughout the world.**

**+ THOSE WHO HAVE DEPARTED THIS LIFE: *Memory Eternal!***

## ***Newly Departed***

Mark—co-worker of M. Hopko	d. 2/7/18
William Stanescki—parishioner in the Waterbury Parish	d. 1/27/18
Dimitri Rozum—parishioner in the Waterbury Parish	d. 1/14/18
Helen Karabin—Roger's mother	d. 1/3/18

## ***Anniversaries of Repose – Memory Eternal!***

Joseph Bystry	2/11/1975
Nicholas Koltko	2/11/1994
John Itar	2/12/1937
Elias Prystash	2/12/1965
Vladimir Lukyantsev	2/12/2015
Stephen Sarafynik	2/13/1940
Mary Rewak	2/13/1983
John Yuraschik	2/15/1979
John Muchka	2/15/1987
Maria Kaschak	2/15/2000
Theodore Shopay	2/16/1920
William Papach	2/17/1969
Matushka Pearl Markovich	2/17/1978

## **THOSE IN NEED OF GOD'S MERCY AND HELP**

### ***Persons captive and suffering for the Faith***

Metropolitan Paul and Archbishop John—hostages in Syria

### ***Those who are sick and suffering***

Fyodor (Frank) Guba—increasing sufferings from Multiple Sclerosis (MS)  
Dolores Twombly—permanent colon malfunction following colon cancer treatment  
Karen—Mary Fomenko's niece; unwell and in need of prayers  
child Drew—grandson of friends of the Nimcheks; ongoing treatment for eye cancer  
child Matthew—son of friends of M. Osuch; genetic disorder with medical complications  
child Ava—young daughter of friends of Melanie Osuch; suffering seizures  
Alexander—acquaintance of M. Osuch; suffering and in need of God's mercy and help  
Michele—very close friend of M. Osuch; troubled and in need of God's mercy and help  
Anna Osuch—suffering in ill health  
Jadwiga ["Yaht-vee-gah"]—mother of an acquaintance of E. Watras; cancer  
Steven Belonick—Cynthia Belonick's father; unwell  
Archpriest Steven Belonick—Cynthia Belonick's brother; chronic illness  
Phyllis George—Donna Kriniske's cousin; battling breast cancer  
Alex—John Dubnansky's brother, suffering permanent effects of stroke  
Darlyne—facing health challenges; daughter of Bob and Vera Martin  
Gregory Shesko—long-time laborer in the Diocese of New England; lung cancer  
child Asa—great-grandson of friend of E. Watras; child with developmental challenges  
Barbara—Arlene Osuch's sister; epilepsy with complications

Anatoli—a friend of Tania Bouteneff; diagnosed with colon cancer  
Galina—wife of above-mentioned Anatoli  
William "Bill" Markovich—recently unwell  
Samantha—extremely ill child for whom we have been asked to pray  
Eugene—Tania Bouteneff's uncle; battling cancer  
Donna—Ann Sovyrda's niece; kidney disease  
Dayrl—Ann Sovyrda's niece; kidney disease  
JoAnn—acquaintance of Jeanne Moore; ovarian cancer  
MaryEllen—Louine King's daughter-in-law; declining due to Huntington's Disease  
Zachary—nephew of acquaintances of Nimcheks; recent double lung transplant  
George Klachany—our fellow parishioner; still in need of prayers for health  
Virginia ("Gina")—Elena Watras' sister; unwell and in need of prayers  
Dawn—friend of Joan Markovich; Stage Four lung cancer  
Vince—friend of the Oraschewsky Family; colon cancer  
Vera Bouteneff—Tania Bouteneff's mother; presently unwell  
Galina—Svetlana Shorey's sister-in-law; suffering with cancer  
Barbara Sovyrda—Mark Sovyrda's former wife; health challenges  
Joan Spencer—has asked for our prayers  
Bachloan—friend of Jeanne Moore; recent open heart surgery  
Sophie (Sonia) Ozerov—Fr. John's great-aunt; broken pelvis  
Jerry Grasso—Jayne Grasso's husband; unwell and in need of prayers  
Mark Sovyrda—Ann's son; suffering severely with chronic and acute back pain  
Michael—nephew of Joan Markovich; in need of prayerful support  
Michael Liverman—Waterbury Parish member; recently unwell  
Steve Panasuk—our fellow parishioner; quite unwell at this time

### ***Shut-ins and those resident in long-term Care Facilities***

Eva Kopcha—at Sheriden Woods in Bristol  
Sonya Petroff—at Sheriden Woods in Bristol  
Irene Kiehart—Jayne Grasso's mother; now resident in Connecticut  
Mary Fomenko

### ***Mother and Newly born Child***

Sarah and her new son, Lucas—Jayne Grasso's daughter and grandchild

### ***Expectant Mothers and the Children to be born of them***

Abigail and the twins she is carrying—M. and K. Orelup's daughter and grandchildren  
Matushka Brenda (Barbara) and the child to be born of her

### ***Those from among us serving in the Armed Forces***

Joel Orelup—U.S. Navy, hospital corpsman ("medic") serving with the Marines  
[NOTE: Joel has just started a six-month-long deployment overseas]  
Joseph Bellmay—a Terryville neighbor; U.S. Marine Corps

### ***Travelers, those soon to be traveling, and those away from us***

Douglas Henrick—O. Petroff's great-grandson; in China until spring 2018  
Peter and Chezelle Serev  
John "Jack" Kriniske  
Mark and Karry Orelup—will be travelling the weekend of February 10-11

### ***Anniversaries of Marriage***

Joel & Julie Kowaleski	2/12
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### ***Birthdays***

Melanie Osuch	2/16
Kristina Bouteneff—Tania's daughter	2/17

## ***News and Notes***

**Meat-Fare Sunday Charitable Brunch, February 11:** This weekend, on Sunday, February 11, following the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, we will have a Meat-fare Sunday Charitable Brunch, hosted by Paul Senetcen and Tim Osuch. All proceeds from that event will benefit the Plymouth Community Food Pantry.

**Lenten Confessions – Make your appointment now!** Great Lent begins on Monday, February 19. Each and every Christian should participate in the saving Sacrament of Holy Confession during the Lenten season, as part of his or her own "Lenten journey." Please contact Fr. John now to make your Confession appointment, even if you want your appointment to take place later on during Lent. Please make your Lenten confession before the end of Great Lent, that is, by Friday, March 31. By the time we reach Holy Week and Pascha, every member of the Parish should (must!) have participated in the Sacrament of Confession in the Lenten season.

## *More News and Notes*

**Lenten Retreat, Saturday, February 24—the first Saturday in Great Lent:** On February 24, 2018 ("Clean Saturday" - the first Saturday of Great Lent), All Saints Orthodox Church, Hartford, is hosting a day-long Lenten Retreat entitled: "Becoming Fire - Christian Living in Turbulent Times," led by Dr. Al Rossi from St. Vladimir's Seminary. The very reasonable registration fee (not more than \$30.00) covers not only the cost of the retreat itself, but includes the cost of morning coffee, refreshments, lunch, dinner, and any materials that will be distributed. The on-line Registration Portal can be found here: <https://www.allsaintshartford.org/lentenretreat.html>

**2018 Terryville/Plymouth Lenten Luncheons on Tuesdays at Noon during Great Lent:** This year the Clergy Association of Terryville/Plymouth is again sponsoring a series of "Lenten Luncheons." The Luncheons will take place at 12:00 Noon on Tuesdays over the course of the weeks of Great Lent. The suggested donation for the Luncheons is \$5.00 apiece and participants are also encouraged to bring donations for the Plymouth Community Food Pantry. At each Luncheon, the host community will provide a short informational or devotional program. The schedule of Luncheons is as follows:

- Tuesday, February 20: Saint Paul Lutheran Church
- Tuesday, February 27: Plymouth Congregational Church
- Tuesday, March 6: Saint Maximilian Kolbe Roman Catholic Parish (at the Lyceum)
- Tuesday, March 13: Terryville Congregational Church
- Tuesday, March 20: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

**CT Deanery Lenten Mission Services:** During Great Lent this year we will again have Sunday afternoon/evening Lenten Mission services here in the Connecticut Deanery of the Diocese of New England. The schedule is:

- Sunday, February 25, the Sunday of Orthodoxy: Vespers, St. Dimitrie Church, Easton, CT, at 4:00 PM.
- ***Sunday, March 4, the Second Sunday of Great Lent: Vespers, Saints Cyril and Methodius Church, Terryville, at 4:00 PM.***
- Sunday, March 11, the Third Sunday of Lent: Vespers, St. John the Baptist Church, Mill Hill, Bridgeport, CT, at 4:00 PM.
- Sunday, March 18, the Fourth Sunday of Great Lent: Vespers, Holy Trinity Church, New Britain, CT, at 4:00 PM.
- Sunday, March 25, the Fifth Sunday of Great Lent: Unction Service, Three Saints Orthodox Church, Ansonia, CT, at 4:00 PM
- Sunday, April 1, Palm Sunday: Bridegroom Matins, All Saints Church, Hartford, CT, at 4:00 PM.

**The "Penguin Plunge": A Special Olympics Fundraiser, March 4:** On Sunday, March 4, Paul and Claudia Senetcen's daughter, Sarah Gaulin, together with her husband Justin, will once again be participating in a fundraiser for Special Olympics Connecticut. Sarah and Justin are now accepting sponsorships for taking a plunge in the wintry waters of Long Island Sound at Ocean Beach Park, New London, CT. To sponsor Sarah and Justin in their "Penguin Plunge" you may mail a check payable to "Connecticut Special Olympics" to Sarah at her home address: Sarah Gaulin, 15 Virginia Road, Oakdale, CT 06370-1554. You may also contribute on-line at [www.soct.org](http://www.soct.org), in the section of that website dedicated to the New London, CT, Penguin Plunge. (If giving on-line, select Ways to Give, Penguin Plunge, Shoreline Plunge, and enter "Justin Gaulin" under Name of Participant.) Please consider giving Sarah and Justin your support through a sponsorship donation. Thank you for your consideration!

**All invited! March Meeting of the Parish Council, Monday, March 5:** The March Meeting of the Parish Council, taking place beginning at 7:00 PM on Monday evening, March 5, will be a special, one-topic meeting, open to all members of the parish. The topic will be, once again, the issue of Church Growth and Development. We have met before about this topic, and even made certain tentative initiatives in its pursuit. Now, we want to address this issue again, looking at other directions in which we might proceed. Please, participate in this meeting!

**Parish Spring Cleaning, Saturday morning, March 17:** We will have a Church Spring Cleaning Session on Saturday morning, March 17, beginning at 9:00 AM. Please note this occasion in your calendar and plan to participate. Many hands make the work quick and easy! Thank you!

**Weather Related Cancellations:** If we need to cancel parish services and/or other events due to bad weather, those announcements will appear on NBC Connecticut Television and on the NBC Connecticut Internet web-site. Also, you can always call the Parish House (860-582-3631) for further information.

# Readings from Holy Scripture

## *Scripture Readings for the Sunday of the Last Judgment, also called Meat-fare Sunday*

### **The Reading from the First Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (1 Cor. 8:8-9:2)**

Brothers and Sisters: Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if any one sees you, a man of knowledge, at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall. Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

### **The Reading from the Gospel according to St. Matthew (Mt. 25:31-46)**

The Lord said to his disciples: "When the Son of man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the King will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see thee hungry and feed thee, or thirsty and give thee drink? And when did we see thee a stranger and welcome thee, or naked and clothe thee? And when did we see thee sick or in prison and visit thee?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to thee?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

## *Scripture Readings for the Sunday of Forgiveness, also called Cheese-fare Sunday*

### **The Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Romans (Rom. 13:11-14:4)**

Brothers and Sisters: Besides this you know what hour it is, how it is full time now for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. As for the man who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not for disputes over opinions. One believes he may eat anything, while the weak man eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains pass judgment on him who eats; for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Master is able to make him stand.

### **The Reading from the Gospel according to St. Matthew (Mt. 6:14-21)**

The Lord said, "If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."